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U.S. COAL STRIKE ENDS

Abrupt Surrender By Lewis; Miners Ordered Back

Truman Cancels His Broadcast

Washington, Dec. 8. John L. Lewis has abruptly ended the softcoal strike, surrendering in the face of action by the United States Supreme Court and the President of the United States. He ordered his 400,000 miners back to work immediately under the wages and other terms of the Government contract and made a bid for negotiations toward a new contract.

The sudden end of the 17-day strike brought a gasp of relief from the crippled nation. Freight and express embargoes, passenger restrictions and post office restrictions on parcel mail also were removed, immediately and the 21 state dim-out also was expected to be called off.

President Harry S. Truman cancelled the broadcast he had planned for Sunday night but issued no comment.

With the Lewis announcement the capitulation to a hurriedly called news conference.

Secret Entente For War?

London, Dec. 8. Mr. Zilliacus, one of the leaders of the revolt within the Labour Party against Government's "be tough with Russia" foreign policy, charged today that the American and British General Staffs were preparing together for a third world war against the Soviet Union.

Zilliacus was speaking before the Cooperative Society in Liverpool on the eve of the rebel Labourites' efforts to force a showdown on the Anglo-American military talks both in the House of Commons as a whole and in the External Affairs Committee of the Parliament Labour Party.

Zilliacus said the joint Chiefs of Staff Committee was negotiating a military agreement secretly without the knowledge of Congress and Parliament or even the majority of the members of the five Governments.

He said the talks were leading to an entente almost exactly paralleling the Anglo-French entente before World War I.

"The Anglo-French General Staff conversations and the resulting entente were the preparations for the First World War with Germany," he said.

"The Anglo-American General Staff conversations are resulting in an entente based on the preparations for a Third World War against the Soviet Union."

Zilliacus said the joint Chiefs of Staff Committee actually was working out arrangements proposed by Winston Churchill in his controversial Fulton speech last March, including the standardization of arms, exchange of officer cadets and joint use of air and naval bases.

"It is not only extraordinary but scandalous that these things should be done by the War Office under the nominal authority of the Labour Government when we are bound by obligations of the United Nations Charter and are supposed to be trying to make a reality of the United Nations!" Zilliacus said.

The policy on which we have embarked, whether the Government know it or not, is straight Churchillian power politics, junior partnership in an Anglo-American entente, the building up of balance of power and preparing for a Third World War against the Soviet Union. He called on Government to have its armed forces of 1,250,000 men and to put forward a "positive" constructive policy for the reduction, limitation and regulation of armaments by an international agreement.—United Press

TYPHOON WARNING

Manila, Dec. 8. The Weather Bureau yesterday reported that a Pacific typhoon of growing intensity was threatening Central Philippines.

The typhoon was reported 135 miles east of Northern Mindanao, moving northwest.—Associated Press.

Britain's Deficit

London, Dec. 7. An official British source said today that Britain's balance of payments this year was expected to reach a deficit equivalent to \$2,200,000,000.

The deficit will thus be 13 times the average pre-war deficit.

A further deficit of \$2,000,000,000 was forecast for 1947 and 1948 which would be followed by "more Mode 1" deficits in 1949 and 1950. The equivalent would not be reached until after 1950, informed sources said.

The heaviest burden came from imports which this year would be up to an equivalent of \$5,300,000,000 against a pre-war annual average of \$3,600,000,000. Military expenditure overseas would account for \$1,200,000,000 this year. Help to other countries was estimated this year at \$400,000,000.

Exports were estimated to yield \$3,600,000,000 this year or nearly double the pre-war annual average.

The United States which now held sixth place in the British export market now holds seventh place.—United Press.

WORDS OF WARNING

London, Dec. 7. Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, who is returning to America in the Queen Elizabeth tomorrow, after a visit to Eastern Europe, said tonight that the world food security was about as bad as it has ever been.

The danger is that unless measures are taken to stabilize prices as were suggested at Copenhagen, the fluctuation of prices will bring ruin to farmers in Britain and America," he said. He thought that there was a danger of an economic crisis unless there was a world scheme to regulate things.—Reuter.

S'hai Still Rocked By Explosions

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Central News reported today that at least one company of soldiers (about 120 men) plus a number of coolies were killed in the series of explosions in the Klangwan ammunition dump here last night.

An official explained that a careless coolie dropped a hand grenade early in the afternoon setting off the "fireworks."

The fire and explosions continued all early this morning but the number of casualties and extent of damages were not ascertained as yet. Fire brigade, police, gendarmes and military units were all helpless in face of the blazing inferno and earth shaking blasts which shattered all windows within a radius of half a mile.

It was reported that large calibre bombs were among the stocks taken over from the Japanese while newly acquired United States lend-lease shells, including 105 mm, were also part of the huge dump which is situated within a mile of the United States ATC airport.

Residents on the thinly populated suburb evacuated and a police cordon was maintained to let no entry into the area.

During evening, wild rumours circulated in Shanghai to the effect that the Communists had started attacking the metropolis but radio stations and "bamboo wireless" soon assured the population.—

Worst Hotel Fire In U.S. History

Atlanta, Georgia, Dec. 8. The worst hotel fire in United States history took at least 127 lives when flames roared through the 15-story Wincoff Hotel on Atlanta's famed Peach Tree Street. Shrieking men, women and children burned to death or leaped in frantic desperation to their doom while scores of others suffocated. At least 100 others were injured.

It was the worst hotel fire in this country since 71 perished in the Newhall House fire at Milwaukee in 1883. The death toll was more than double that of the La Salle Hotel fire in Chicago last June.

The Wincoff Hotel, built of concrete, steel and brick, was classified as "fire resistant" and had no outside fire escapes. But the blaze, apparently originating on the third or fourth floor, quickly reached up through the stairwells and lift shafts to trap nearly half the hotel's occupants.

Many trapped victims stood on the high ledges waiting rescue which could not reach them, then jumped—some into firemen's nets which were torn from the hands of the firemen by the extreme height of the leaps.

A number escaped death by barricading their doors against the smoke and flames. Some swung on bedsheet ropes to a lower level where they were rescued by firemen. Bodies were found on every floor above the third.

After raging for more than three hours, the fire was brought under control at 1200 GMT. E. Helms, city detective, who entered the hotel while the flames still burned on the upper floors, said he found more than 50 bodies in rooms where the occupants had been trapped.

Firemen reached the upper floors of the 12-story structure where they reached a dozen or more dead.

The Red Cross set up an emergency first aid station near the hotel entrance of famous Peachtree Street, and made a radio appeal for blood plasma.

One fireman was killed when a woman leaping from a window crashed on him. A fireman reported that in one room alone he counted seven bodies.

At 1230 GMT rescue squads were still removing the dead and injured from the 12-story structure. Some of the injured were carried on a ladder across a back alleyway to the roof of another hotel and then removed to hospital.—(Continued on Page 2 Col. 3)

Hong Kong An Example To China

London, Dec. 7. The Chinese have good claim to Hong Kong and the day will come when Britain can no longer refuse to give it back to China, declares the "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial here today.

The "Manchester Guardian," however, adds that the time is not yet ripe for the Colony's return because "at present Hong Kong still serves as an example of a good Government which China can envy but can not apparently copy and the only Chinese port where reasonable conditions for trade exist."

The Journal, in support of its view, quotes the "China Weekly Review" of Shanghai which said:

"There is more stability, more food, and more order in Hong Kong than anywhere else in China."—Central News.

Bevin's Washington Week-End

Washington, Dec. 7. Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, arrived here today for a weekend visit, during which he will confer with President Truman on the progress that he and Mr. Byrnes, Secretary of State, have achieved on the Palestine question.

President Truman, it was authoritatively learned, fully supports Mr. Byrnes' pledge announced last night to give United States backing to the reconvened London conference on Palestine if the agenda is left open to all suggestions and all interested parties attend.

Conferences which have been held with Jewish leaders in New York, it is learned, have left Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes fully confident that the World Zionist Congress, convening at Basel on Monday, will support the Jewish partition plan, to which President Truman has already given his endorsement.

The only uncertainty now thought to be remaining is the Arab attitude towards the conference.—Reuter.

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SIDKY PASHA RESIGNS

Cairo, Dec. 8. Egyptian Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha today submitted his resignation to King Farouk, a very reliable source told Associated Press.

The source gave Sidky Pasha's reasons as "illness" and "the disputes that have arisen between him and the British Government on the Sudan question."—Associated Press.

GBS IS SHOCKED

London, Dec. 8. George Bernard Shaw today told the leader of the Women's Action Committee for Lasting Peace that he was "shocked at your apostasy in calling votes for women a success and drowning the movement in the useless and irrelevant lasting peace business."

In a "Sunday Dispatch" letter to Mrs. Norman Whitehouse, former suffrage leader, Shaw set out his views on feminine suffrage and refused to autograph a book for Mrs. Whitehouse. "I never autograph books for sale and if I did, I would not do it for you," he wrote.

Shaw said votes for women had kept them "out of their 50-50 share of the Government more effectively than their former disfranchisement. For this was at least a grievance. But now it is the women themselves that vote against themselves and you call such result a success."

Shaw added: "In England, at the first general election after disfranchisement, not a single woman was returned; first-rate women candidates were defeated by male nobodies. Today, after nearly 30 years the House of Commons numbers 600 men and 40 women."

"I forewarned suffragettes of this possibility and urged them not to rely on the vote but to press for a constitutional amendment making it obligatory, votes or no votes, for governing bodies to consist of men and women in equal numbers."

"I am now trying to induce feminist leaders to face the failure of the vote and add to their programme the coupled vote making a political unit not as at present, a man or woman, but a man and a woman. This would at least bring the movement back into the headlines out of the oblivion of lasting peace and like 'The United Nations' is not your job; it is too big for your little Women's Action Committee."—United Press.

Dramatic Scene In Women's Trial

Hamburg, Dec. 8. Two women of Europe—a resistance leader and a self-confessed spy—faced each other across a Military Court here yesterday in a dramatic scene on the third day of the trial of the staff of the notorious Ravensbruck concentration camp for women.

In the witness box was Mrs. Sylvia Salvesen, prominent Norwegian social worker and a member of the resistance movement, who was sent to the camp in 1942 as a reprisal for the landing on the Norwegian coast of a small band of Allied soldiers.

She looked at Carmen Maria Mory, a 41-year-old Swiss, who sat in the dock with six other women and 12 men charged with ill treating and killing Allied nationals confined in the camp. "Was Mory present when victims were selected for the gas chamber?" counsel asked.

With a grim expression, Mrs. Salvesen replied: "Yes." Mory, fur-coated, blackhaired, wearing heavy lipstick and with her nails reddened, has confessed she was a spy for the Germans early in the war.

Abrupt Change Mory had been laughing and joking in the dock with her fellow prisoners, whose expressions remained stolid and unsmiling. But at Mrs. Salvesen's answer, her manner changed abruptly and within a matter of seconds, rubbed a hand across her eyes as though she were brushing tears away.

Mrs. Salvesen earlier told how Mory had said on arrival at Ravensbruck that she had been sentenced to death by the French for spying, but was liberated by the German Army when France was overrun. Then, in turn, she was imprisoned by the Germans.

Mrs. Salvesen had told of conditions in the camp hospital, how the accused doctors had performed "unnecessary" operations, on inmates as experiments, and of how women prisoners were selected for extermination in the gas chambers, when they were no longer fit for work.—Associated Press.

Hamburg, Dec. 7. Mrs. Sylvia Salvesen, a Norwegian girl, cross-examined at today's third hearing of the trial here of 16 members of the camp staff of the Ravensbruck Nazi concentration camp for women, testified that one of the accused, pretty brunette, Swiss journalist Carmen Mory, was herself severely beaten with a stick by a German for helping French prisoners in the camp.

Carmen has already been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by the French for espionage, it was stated.

Mrs. Salvesen—whose hair turned grey at the camp where she was one of the prisoners—is a friend of the Norwegian Royal family.

The court adjourned until Monday. The defendants are expected to claim that the medical tortures (Continued on Page 3, Col. 5)

STALIN IN "BEST OF HEALTH"

London, Dec. 8. A Soviet Embassy spokesman said today that Generalissimo Stalin "is in the best of health."

He flatly denied the week-end rumour which in one London Sunday paper went so far as to say that the Russian Chief of State was "either dead or dying" and in another that "Stalin is on the way out."

Asked whether the statement was based on recent direct communications from the Kremlin, the spokesman said: "I can add nothing to the statement."

He said the current rumours that Stalin was either dead or dying "are believed to originate from Ankara."

"There have been rumours started in the Turkish capital," he said, "and I know that this one appeared in Turkish newspapers some days ago."

"But we know that Premier Stalin's health is as good as ever."—Associated Press.

DON'T GO ON THE WAGON!

(By "Paul Pry") If any Saturday-night reveler fumbling his way home in the early hours of yesterday came across a couple of small arboreal or aquatic nocturnal marsupial mammals with thumb-like hind-feet, let me be the first to bring him the good news—he need not change the brand or go on the wagon.

For somewhere on the island of Hong Kong are two such animals, Shorn of the scientific phraseology, it all adds up to the fact that H.M.S. "Opossum" has lost her opossum—two of them, in fact, mother and son, approximately one foot and 10 inches long respectively.

Picked up by "Opossum's" commanding officer in Auckland, New Zealand, the two animals apparently decided that Hong Kong's verdant hills reminded them just a little too much of home, and so, before anyone could stop them, they plunged over the side of the escort vessel and swam ashore.

Since then, no one has seen hide or hair of them. The C.O. hopes they got up into the hills safely for, as more than one unkind person has pointed out, to Chinese palates accustomed to the "fragrant flesh" of young puppy dogs, Opossum Gami or even Aux Champignons would be a most toothsome dish.

THE WEATHER

The anti-cyclone is again spreading southward. Pressure is also high to the SE of Japan. A deep depression is moving eastward across the Sea of Japan. Pressure remains low over the equatorial regions and a shallow depression covers the southern Philippines.

Forecast:—Moderate NE winds, freshening later, fair. Yesterday's weather:—Max.:—78.4 deg. Fah. Min.:—65.3 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity:—95%. Sunshine:—5.5 hrs. Rainfall:—Nil.

Mr. Attlee To Report On India Impasse

London, Dec. 7. Prime Minister Clement Attlee will almost certainly report to Parliament next week on the constitutional talks with Indian political leaders which ended in failure in London last night.

The result of the London talks will add urgency to the current desire for a debate which may be agreed by the Government for Thursday or Friday.

Mr. Attlee is likely to inform the House fully on last week's whirlwind negotiations culminating in last night's roundtable conference staged on the eve of the Congress leader, Pandit Nehru's, return by air to India today.

If the debate takes place the Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, and other Opposition spokesmen will speak.

The negotiations left unbroken the deadlock between the Congress Party and the Muslim League which has boycotted the forthcoming Constituent Assembly to shape India's Constitution. But all political quarters in London, both British and Indian, believe that the talks may have done some good.

Further Attempts? Though with its President Mohammed Ali Jinnah still in London, the Muslim League can-

CHINESE COMMUNISTS SEE WAR AS ONLY SOLUTION

CHINA EMBARGO LIFTED

Lake Success, Dec. 8. General Director Fiorella LaGuardia of UNRRA announced today that the embargo on UNRRA shipments to China had been lifted "except for a few items which China is not yet prepared to receive."

He said his action was taken as a result of "continued improvement of the rate of distribution of supplies within China particularly the present satisfactory state of port clearance."

He added "a system has been perfected under which the UNRRA China office will regulate the flow of supplies from month to month in accordance with China's ability to distribute them."—Associated Press.

"Unfair On Denmark"

Lake Success, Dec. 7. UNRRA's Director General, Fiorella LaGuardia, today called the attention of the Allied Control Commission in Berlin to the continued existence in Denmark of 200,000 Germans brought there by the Nazis during the war.

His message said: "This is manifestly unfair and an unjust burden upon the people of Denmark and requires immediate attention. Denmark is making an heroic struggle in recovery and rehabilitation. These 200,000 Germans are not contributing to the economy of the country."

"On the contrary they are a drain costing 240,000,000 kroner which equals about 15 per cent of the total national budget. Denmark is a homogeneous country and cannot and justly does not want these people to infiltrate into the life of the country. It has been patient and silent so long I feel it my duty to call this urgent matter to your attention and consideration."—Reuter.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Fifty-five suspects accused of participation in the citywide riots last week appeared for preliminary hearing yesterday before the district procurator on charges of seeking to incite disturbances and inflict injuries on policemen.—United Press.

The police are searching for a Chinese Major-General named Ho, who is said to have broken quarantine regulations and come ashore from the ss. "Wingsans" without being passed by the medical authorities. He was last seen wearing a khaki shirt and shorts, with no insignia, and in the event of his being seen Land Forces HQ is to be notified.

Nanking, Dec. 8. Chinese Communist leaders are looking toward war as the only means of settling China's internal conflict and the strength of the Chinese Red army has been increasing steadily since June, a usually well informed Communist source said today.

Discussing Chou En-lai's letter to General George C. Marshall, naming two "impossible conditions" for resumption of the peace negotiations, the source said "it appears fundamental that with the Kuomintang destroying peace decisions by holding the unilateral National Assembly all basis for further talks has ended."

He added "this has been clear since the June ceasefire was ignored. Since that date all units of the Communist army have been increasing in strength of numbers."

The source declined to estimate the present size of the Communist war machine but Government sources placed it at slightly less than 1,000,000 men plus a substantial militia four months ago.

The primary question of the day is not whether the Communists want Marshall and Ambassador Leighton Stuart to remain as mediators but whether anything is left to mediate, the source said, adding it is evident the Government will reject Chou En-lai's offer from Yenan that negotiations might start anew if Chiang Kai-shek is willing to dissolve the National Assembly and return his troops to their Jan. 13 positions.

Nothing To Mediate

Confirming that Marshall asked the Communists for a categorical yes or no answer to the question whether they wanted Marshall and Stuart to continue their mediation, this source said no direct answer had been forthcoming "because there was nothing left to mediate."

The source said the Communists are waiting for the time when the Reds are strong enough to take the offensive and win back territory and they are not trying to keep the Kuomintang involved in war until the Government collapses from economic causes.

The statement of the Communists' strength talks with Chief of Staff Chu Teh made to Associated Press Correspondent John Roderick at Yenan that the Red army is on the increase but is still not able to stand up against the Kuomintang in a decisive battle and must continue guerrilla tactics.

Marshall Denial

The statement echoes Yenan's "Emancipation Daily" editorial claiming the fifth month of the civil war was marked by the passing of the initiative from the hands of Chiang's troops to the popular armies in the liberated areas. Meanwhile published reports (not by the

Puppet Spied On The Japs

Manila, Dec. 8. Ewald Selph, of Los Angeles, Calif., a prominent attorney in Manila the past 20 years, told the Evening News today that President Manuel Roxas sent him secret information on the Japanese puppet government during the occupation.

When Selph was repatriated from Santo Tomas internment camp in September of 1943 he was able to give the United States military data on troop dispositions and Filipino loyalty to America, the paper said.

Selph's law partner, Antonio Carrasosa, today asked as intermediary and acted as a postmaster to Selph's letter to the State Department to enable him to enter the internment camp and supply Selph with information gleaned from Roxas.—Associated Press.

Readers' Letters

"Anti-British"

Sir—Since the publication of my letter on Saturday it has come to my notice that on Friday afternoon at a meeting held in a Hong Kong Restaurant, the Chairman of the so-called "Shumchun Villagers' Aid to Cheung Tin-chung Committee" invited contributions to finance a propaganda campaign regarding the accidental shooting of the village, to assist the family of the deceased, and to erect a monument to perpetuate his memory. It was stated that subscriptions could be sent care of the "National Times."

Am I correct in supposing that the "National Times" is the Kuomintang official organ in this Colony, and the mouthpiece of the Chinese Ministry of Information? If so might I ask whether it is consistent with international amity for an officially sponsored Chinese journal to raise funds for the avowed purpose of anti-British propaganda? Whether or not its status is as suggested above, do the British authorities intend to acquiesce in this flagrant attempt to inflame anti-British feeling by a local Chinese newspaper?

PIAT JUSTITIA.

Becoming A Habit?

Sir—I should like, through the medium of your paper, to draw attention to the extreme shortage of police in the vicinity of Stubbs Road and which I would appreciate greatly if you would publish. On Saturday night at about 3.45 a.m. I was awakened by about half a dozen looters who broke into my home and had already got away with half a dozen winter suits and four summer suits, a tuxedo, overcoat, dressing gown, a Parker pen and pencil and a Ronson lighter, together with about \$500 in my coat pocket.

I am extremely annoyed over the fact that when I rang up the police station at about 3.45 a.m. a Chinese police officer said he would send a man immediately to my house. Notwithstanding the fact that it would only take five minutes by any motorcar from No. 2 Police Station, this man did not arrive until 4.30 a.m., although I continually rang them up between 3.45 and 4.15. When he did arrive they asked for a list of stolen goods and asked me to report the matter to the officer in charge in the morning.

These daily burglaries have been reported not only by my home but by many other homes in Stubbs Road. I should certainly deem it a great favour if through your paper the police would take notice of these continual burglaries and give more protection to the people of Stubbs Road. Incidentally this was about the sixth time in the last few months that burglars have broken into my house.

E.M.L. SOARES.

"Rubbish"

Sir—We write to you regarding the sale of roses for the St. Vincent's Fund which took place recently in the Colony. It is a well known fact that the British Servicemen is given the "Cold Shoulder" wherever he goes in the Colony and yet he is the first person to be approached when any help is required for different funds.

With all the money that is in this Colony it should not be necessary to approach Servicemen for assistance. If ever we see any person place his excellent car at the disposal of a so-called poor person, or take that poor person into one of these exquisite hotels to dine with him, then we will all be quite willing to turn over a month's pay to any fund you care to mention.

As far as we can see the only reason that so many people are "starving" is because they are too idle to help themselves, and taking into consideration that our own people at home are also on short rations, we say RUBBISH! THE ROYALS.

SINO-BRITISH CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Sino-British Club will take place at St. John's Hall on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.

It is hoped that one of the Trade Mission which will be present in the Colony will give a talk. In the event of this not being possible Professor Lo will talk on "The Historical Events Leading Up To The Double Tenth."

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the current quarter are now due. Membership cards will be issued on Wednesday, by the Secretary-Treasurer, who will receive subscriptions at the same time.

FISH PRICES

The following was the average wholesale price of fresh fish per catty during the week ending Dec. 7.

| Fresh Fish | Sale Price |
|----------------|------------|
| Yellow Croaker | 1.10 |
| Crab | 1.20 |
| Golden Thread | 1.10 |
| Groupers | 1.10 |
| Red Snapper | 1.10 |
| Horse Head | 1.10 |
| Red Sea Bream | 1.10 |
| Goat Fish | 1.10 |
| Bladder Fish | 1.10 |
| Conger Pike | 1.10 |
| Shrimp | 1.10 |
| Green Pigeon | 1.10 |
| Rowen | 1.10 |
| Black Hairing | 1.10 |
| Shrimp | 1.10 |
| Black Sole | 1.10 |
| Garfish | 1.10 |

Singapore, Dec. 8. A small Japanese flag was found dropped on the Toldit arm of the Statue of Sir Thomas Raffles, in Empress Place, yesterday. It remained there until noon when a servant from the nearby Government offices removed it with the help of a ladder.—Reuter.

British Trade Mission

Voting members' reservations for the British Trade Mission luncheon in the Hong Kong Hotel on Thursday have been fully booked and reservations for associate members and their friends only are now available, the Council of the Anglo-Chinese Economic Association of Hong Kong informed the "China Mail" last night.

Formed primarily to promote economic understanding and co-operation between the peoples of China and Britain in Hong Kong, China and abroad, the Anglo-Chinese Economic Association, with Mr. S. H. Dodwell as its chairman and Mr. Luie Yum-sun (chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and a former Chinese Government official) as Vice-Chairman, is governed by a Council composed of: D. Benson, manager of the Mercantile Bank of India; C. Clemo, general manager China Light & Power; N. V. A. Croucher, chairman Hong Kong Stock Exchange; E. R. Hill, manager Dowdell & Co.; L. Kadoorie; G. Miskin, director of the Hong Kong Bank and managing director of Gilman & Co.; C. H. Chang, Deputy Chinese Postal Commissioner; A. A. Chen, managing director of China Associates Corp.; C. Y. Chen, chairman Luk Hoi Tong Banking, Insurance & Real Estate Cos.; P. Y. Lo, manager of the Bank of China; M. Quincey Wong, exchange manager Bank of China; M. S. Soo, sub-manager Butterfield & Swire.

The "China Mail" was informed last night that the Association intends to extend its activities to other places where Britons and Chinese may become associate members and carry on activities similar to those of the parent body in Hong Kong.

On Friday last, Prime Minister T. V. Soong called the Association. "Let me wish you every success."

In Canton

Canton, Dec. 8. The British Trade Mission met members of the Provincial Department of Construction and local bankers yesterday for discussions on the establishment of a copper and iron factory there.

Earlier yesterday the Mission visited the National Sun Yat-sen University. They will proceed to Shantou District today to inspect the silk industry there.

Sir Leslie Boyce, leader of the Mission, is scheduled to leave for Hong Kong tomorrow with a part of the Mission while the remaining members will proceed to Swatow to cover their inspection in South China.—Central News.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8. The American Friends Service Committee announced today that the first foreign relief workers permitted to operate behind the Chinese Communist lines had arrived in Yenan with medical supplies.—United Press.

Surprise Drive In N.W. Honan

Nanking, Dec. 8. A powerful Communist force under the famous one-eyed General Liu Po-chen in a surprise manoeuvre raced down from the Taihang area in Shansi to the rich coal-mining north-western corner of Honan, throwing the entire region into confusion, the Hsin Min Pao reported today.

The area was recaptured by the Government only two months ago.

It was reported that hostilities were breaking out all over the district. General Liu Po-chen's troops were said to have captured two important Nationalist occupied towns—Tayuan and Wenhsien—northwest and west of Kailang respectively.

The Communists were also reported to have captured four small points which the newspaper named as Yangcheng, Munsing, Taotun and Hungghiao.

The Nationalists were rushing emergency measures and all Yellow River crossings between Lo-yang and Kailang were closed by heavy guards. The Government forces, also, lifted the Communist

Shanghai's Economic Bubble Will Soon Burst

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Responsible business quarters are unanimous in predicting that Shanghai's economic bubble, blown fat by get-rich-quick borrowing at exorbitant interest rates, is due to burst around the traditional Chinese debt-settlement season in late January.

In its wake, they say, the collapse will leave a trail of bankruptcies, acute labour unrest and general business depression throughout the country which may set back China's postwar economic recovery two or three years.

Informed sources believe that the wave of business closures arising from inability to settle accounts before the Chinese New Year will drag down thirty to forty per cent of all local Chinese, and a sizeable number of foreign concerns—mostly small and medium-sized firms that form the "backbone" of business. These sources estimated the extent of the Shanghai collapse at anywhere from US\$60,000,000 to US\$100,000,000.

One American business leader said the resultant depression—accompanied by aggravated hardships for the populace and dangerously explosive labour agitation—will be a crippling blow to China's hopes for economic rehabilitation since Shanghai handles 90 per cent of the country's imports and 80 per cent of her exports.

"And this is the first time in all my 15 years in China that I have been so pessimistic," this businessman added.

Long-time Shanghai residents, polled by the United Press, blamed the anticipated collapse in large measure on what they regarded as China's purely restrictive and inefficiently enforced economic policy, which has entangled all normal trade while leaving loopholes for a gamblers' field-day.

While solid trade recovery has been largely stymied, mushrooming Chinese firms borrowed capital on the black market at interest rate—often compounded—as high as 15 to 25 per cent per month, in order to make quick swollen profits from American plastic gadgets and other non-essential items dumped on the market.

The Payoff

Then came the payoff which had been threatening ever since the first black marketeer boarded the first case of American cigarettes in the first speculative wave of the war days. Shanghai became glutted with these goods, and their price fell.

For over a month now the Chinese press has daily reported closures of business caught with such stocks on hand—unable to dispose of them locally, unable to ship them to outports or the interior at a profit due to high freight charges and "squeeze" requirements, and unable to pay back the accumulated interest.

The situation has reached a point where, for example, one firm has had to pay \$2.20 in interest on every \$1 it borrowed, but cannot sell its goods even for the original \$1; where item imported from the United States could now be sold back to United States consumers for a 15 to 20 per cent profit (this is largely theoretical, since for many items export licenses would not be granted); where a hapless owner of sulfa drug stock dreams wistfully of this theoretical solution, while at the same time sulfa drugs are badly needed all over China.

Business in Shanghai is being accompanied by closures of firms and native industries in the outports and the interior.

One Way Out?

Such a programme, as suggested by foreign trade circles, would go something like this:

1. Let China lose some "face"—which eventually has to be lost anyway—by setting up a realistic exchange rate. Figures suggested ranged from the rate of CN\$10,000 to US\$1, to CN\$15,000 or even CN\$25,000. Temporarily this may cause further loss of public confidence in Chinese currency.

2. Encourage trade by allowing the free use of US currency already in China, and the free use of Chinese private capital abroad for importing goods deemed useful.

3. Increase the national revenue by allowing all imports except those detrimental to the nation and applying higher duties, particularly on semi-luxury goods.

4. Improve China's foreign exchange position by subsidizing exports until they get moving.

5. Install a far simpler tax programme, and apply it fairly and uniformly. The present complicated system, under which no-one knows whether his business will be taxed 10 per cent or 50 per cent, puts a premium on evasion, contributing to the general feeling of uncertainty.

6. Allow foreign shipping inland, at least for a year, replacing the chauvinistic and damaging guardship of every place, "sovereign right" which so far has amounted to China's sovereign right to keep China's water.—United Press.

"Golden Goose"

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Major K. C. Wu, advocated

Worst Hotel Fire In U.S. History

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balances. Many of the 235 guests in the 194 rooms of the hotel died of suffocation.

Five Young Girls

In one room were the bodies of five young girls. In another, firemen found the bodies of a woman and three children.

Emergency mortuaries were established in various parts of the city and the count of the dead was difficult.

The Municipal morgue at Grady Hospital reported having 34 bodies and that it could not take any more.

With the flames finally under control, firemen kept up a steady procession bringing the dead and injured from the building.

Among the survivors were Major General and Mrs. P. W. Bage of Washington, D.C.

A Red Cross official said that it would be difficult to obtain names because most of the bodies were in night clothes and many were burned beyond recognition.

Police Chief M. A. Hornsby said that "at least 25 or 30 persons were killed by leaping from the windows."

The fire apparently started between the fourth and sixth floors of the concrete and brick structure about 8:15 GMT.

Police Captain L. J. Carroll, who was among the first to reach the building, said that he found all the lifts stalled. He said he fought his way to the seventh floor, kicking doors to arouse the guests.

Jumped To Her Death

Nelson Thatch, chief room clerk, who lived on the sixth floor of the hotel, told of leaping with a woman on the fifth floor not to a woman. But he later saw her throw herself from a window ledge, apparently to her death in a dark alley below.

Thatch related that he saw "many others" jump, also into recesses between the buildings.

A tour of the upper stories after the flames were brought under control showed bedrooms of charred furniture. The air was heavy with the odour of burning flesh.

Among the guests in the building were 50 girls attending a state young peoples' convention.

Along with the stories of terror came tales of heroic rescue and narrow escapes. One 10-year-old girl, Betty Huley, said she climbed to a ledge outside her upper-story room.

Betty said: "Three windows away on my floor, two other girls were huddled. Firemen were trying to reach them. I gritted my teeth and walked the ledge to where the other girls were. Then firemen came up and got us down."

Hysterical

Mrs. A. R. Minnix was rescued from a room on the fifth floor. She was hysterical because her 15-year-old son—Rutledge—was trapped on the 11th floor.

L. W. Cochran and his wife of Miami, Florida, escaped by swinging on sheets from the top floor to the eighth. There, the flames, set the sheets on fire. Mrs. Cochran said that the next thing she knew was when firemen brought her down. Cochran later joined her on the street.

A city fireman saw a mother throw her two children, a boy and a girl, to their deaths from the 11th floor, then jump to her own death.

Two-year-old Anne Turk was held outside of a window of a fifth floor room by her parents until firemen erected an escape ladder. Both she and her parents were saved.

Bodies were found on every floor above the third. Actual fire damage was confined to the southwest side from the third floor to the roof. The building faces north. Those not in the direct path of the flames were suffocated in their rooms.—Associated Press.

Projected Air Lines

Taipei, Dec. 8. The Central Air Transport Corporation announces the following projected air lines in the near future.

1. The Fochow-Taipei line via Amoy and Taichung.

2. The Taipei-Shanghai line via Amoy and Canton.

More than 160 planes are now ready for operating a network of air lines covering the whole of China and the Corporation expects to extend its services later to the Philippines and Malaya.—Central News.

New Year and strongly cautioned labour against "killing the goose that lays golden eggs."

It was reported that several large establishments under the pressure of heavy losses were contemplating liquidation.

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Boy Scouts Welcome Commissioner

At the La Salle College playground on Saturday evening approximately 1,000 scouts and scouters gathered to welcome their Colony Commissioner, the Right Rev. Bishop Halward.

The ceremony began with an inspection and a march past, after which the returning Commissioner declared the campfire open. During the evening the boys had an excellent time singing and watching items presented by other groups. The star turn of the evening was given by the Rovers of the 17th Kowloon, led by Mr. F. Leo, who presented a whole broadcast programme.

Mr. C. C. Juah, Deputy Colony Commissioner, then welcomed Bishop Halward on behalf of those present and congratulated him on his "consecration" as Assistant Bishop.

The Commissioner told of his contacts with scouting in America and England and of the good reports which the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, had received on the revival of the movement in the Colony.

He then thanked the Association officers and local scouters for their time and devotion which made this revival possible and reminded all members of the movement to do at least one good turn a day.

The evening came to a close after some light refreshments and singing by all present of a few selected campfire songs.

Film Review

The cult—there is no other name for it—among Hollywood film companies of South American music and dances is a thing which has to be seen to be believed. One after another the particularly noisy and vulgar "Sous-American" musicals are turned out to delight audiences with their phoney dances and music no more South American than an Eskimo's love call.

"Thrill from Brazil" sounded, before I had seen it, just like another one of the series and I was prepared for over-decorated ladies, hips a-swing, rhumbaing eternally to the music of an insipid looking band, with a background story as mushy as the music. Instead I was pleasantly surprised. "Thrill from Brazil" has many beautifully arranged and costumed novelty dances which appear, strange in such a picture, to be based on authentic dances.

Particularly startling and brilliantly executed was a feature called "A Man is a Brother to a Mule." To do this kind of thing successfully requires much co-ordination of lighting, settings, music and camera work of a high order.

"Thrill from Brazil" has all these and so it succeeds—in places very well indeed. The background story, which doesn't intrude on the music and dances, is well handled by Keenan Wynn (in his first star part) and Evelyn Keyes and has a very witty dialogue. "Thrill from Brazil" is a surprise which is the exception to prove the rule.

Bombay, Dec. 7. Police opened fire during the night to disperse rioters in the Eyculla area in Central Bombay. One was killed and four were injured, the Bombay Government's noon communique stated today. There were no incidents between sunrise and noon, the communique added. —Reuter.

SCAP Official's Scathing Attack On "Red Star"

Tokyo, Dec. 8. In a searing statement bristling with such terms as "misstatement" and "misrepresentation," a high SCAP official today accused the Red Star (Soviet Army newspaper) of "ill-considered propaganda" which "does not further Allied objectives" in Japan.

(The Red Star, in an article Dec. 6 by commentator A. Sibirsky, said General Douglas MacArthur was pursuing a reactionary policy here. The Sibirsky article attacked MacArthur personally which is believed to be the first time a Soviet writer has included him in written comments on the occupation.)

The "high SCAP official," who otherwise was unidentified, said the Red Star article is a fabrication of misstatement and misrepresentation, and remarked scornfully "reference (by the Red Star writer) to 'aggressive American quarters' is not worthy of comment."

Answering the Soviet newspaper's allegation that MacArthur is supporting "the reactionary policy of the present Japanese (Yoshida) Government," the SCAP official declared:

"It is patent that any observer who seeks the fact of the Soviet press allegations that SCAP is supporting any particular Government is without basis."

The statement, which indubitably had MacArthur's approval, further highlighted his feelings toward the Russians with whose ideology he is known to disagree. To the Red Star accusation that the Americans would like to convert the Allied Council into "a cumbersome, clumsy organ" for "endless talks," the SCAP official replied: "The Council was not intended to be investigative or inquisitorial."

"Nor is it intended to be used as a springboard for propaganda which appears ignorant of the essentials of democracy to which the Japanese are hopefully turning their faces."

Labour's Freedom

The SCAP official said Japanese former officers now serving on demobilization boards which pro-

cess the Nipponese servicemen into civilian life "are utilized pursuant to Allied policy and will necessarily continue their duties under SCAP surveillance, until large numbers of Japanese prisoners abroad, most of whom are in Soviet hands, are repatriated."

That statement said flatly that Russian allegations regarding warnings against public demonstrations and "measures to suppress labour" are "false."

"There is no country in the world where the people enjoy greater freedom to conduct order by demonstrations," the official asserted. "Development of the labour movement has been with SCAP encouragement and support. There is no country in the world where labour has more freedom to organize or greater opportunity to make its voice effectively heard."—Associated Press.

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U.S. Policy In China To Be Changed?

Washington, Dec. 8. State Department Far East experts agree that United States policy toward China probably must be overhauled if all-out Chinese civil war breaks out. They were not, however, convinced that the situation was hopeless.

Responsible sources said the resumption of Nationalist-Communist negotiations was possible if the National Assembly adopted the reformist constitution presented by Chiang Kai-shek and adhered to it.

The sources said General George Marshall would not be remaining in China if he thought there was no chance for settlement.

Currently four possible courses of action are being advanced by groups both in and out of the Government:

1. All-out financial support of Chiang as a bulwark against Russia.
2. Continuation of the present policy of neutrality in the civil war, with limited economic support to the Chinese Government.
3. "Get tough" policy, offering aid to the Chinese Government with insistence on reforms to end the civil war.
4. Get out of China entirely. —United Press.

LEBANESE TO CHOOSE

Beirut, Dec. 7. Lebanese subjects overseas—now recognized as Turkish nationals for failing to register within a limited period—will get a new two-year opportunity to choose between Turkish and Lebanese nationality, under an agreement between Lebanon and Turkey, announced here today. —Reuter.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL, KOWLOON

The Easter Term at the above school will commence on Monday, 6th January, 1947.

The final date for receiving applications for registration of new pupils for next term will be Saturday, 28th December, 1946. These should be addressed to the Headmaster, Central British School, Kowloon and should contain the following information:—Prospective pupil's name in full, date of birth, previous school, whether in the Colony now, if not, expected date of arrival.

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1946.

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NOTICE

The next Meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will take place on Tuesday, 10th, at 12.30 p.m. in the Gloucester Hotel as usual. Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E., will address the meeting on "Basic English."

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Sealed Tenders in duplicate will be received at the office of the Custodian of Property until noon on Friday, 13th December, for the purchase of the following unclaimed articles:—

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CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY.

Hongkong, 2nd December 1946

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 11th December, 1946, at NOON, for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Report together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1945, and for the period 1st January, 1946, to 31st December, 1945.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR, Manager & Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th Nov., 1946.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

For the purpose of checking the Company's Register of Members, holders of shares are requested to send to the registered Office of the Company at Exchange Building, Second Floor, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, the following particulars:—

1. Full name and address of the registered shareholder.
2. Number of shares.
3. Scrip numbers.
4. Distinguishing numbers of shares.

Holders are also requested to produce to the Company for examination and endorsement, if in order, the certificates for all the shares which they hold.

Dated at Hong Kong this 29th day of July, 1946.

R. TAYLOR, Manager & Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of The Above Society will be held at ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HALL, At 5.30 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 10.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young have graciously consented to attend.

Members of the Public interested in Child Welfare are invited to attend.

NOTICE

Any person having information of the present whereabouts of any members of the LEE family, who previously resided at No. 224 Prince Edward Road, is requested to communicate with the Secretary, Urban Council Office, Post Office Building, top floor.

NOTICE

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION

The next Meeting of the Royal Air Forces Association will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel, by kind permission of the Management, on FRIDAY, the 20th of December 1946 at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets—\$10.00 Single, \$15.00 Double including supper.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. A.W. Wood, c/o The British General Electric Co., Ltd. Queen's Building, or from any Member of the Committee.

The Dance is open to all past and present members of the Royal Air Forces, members of the Association, past and present members of the Services, and the general public.

NOTICE

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

Mr. D. W. Munton has been appointed Secretary. All correspondence in connection with Club Matters should in future be addressed to him at Room 212, Windsor House.

D. H. Blake, Captain.

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S. P. PERRY, Lt. Col. CRASC, HQ Land Forces, Hong Kong.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 12TH DECEMBER, 1946 at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents together with Statements of Accounts for the year ended the 31ST DECEMBER 1945, and for the period from the 1ST JANUARY 1946 to the 31ST DECEMBER 1945.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 28TH NOVEMBER to the 12TH DECEMBER 1946, both days inclusive.

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CHRISTMAS DANCE

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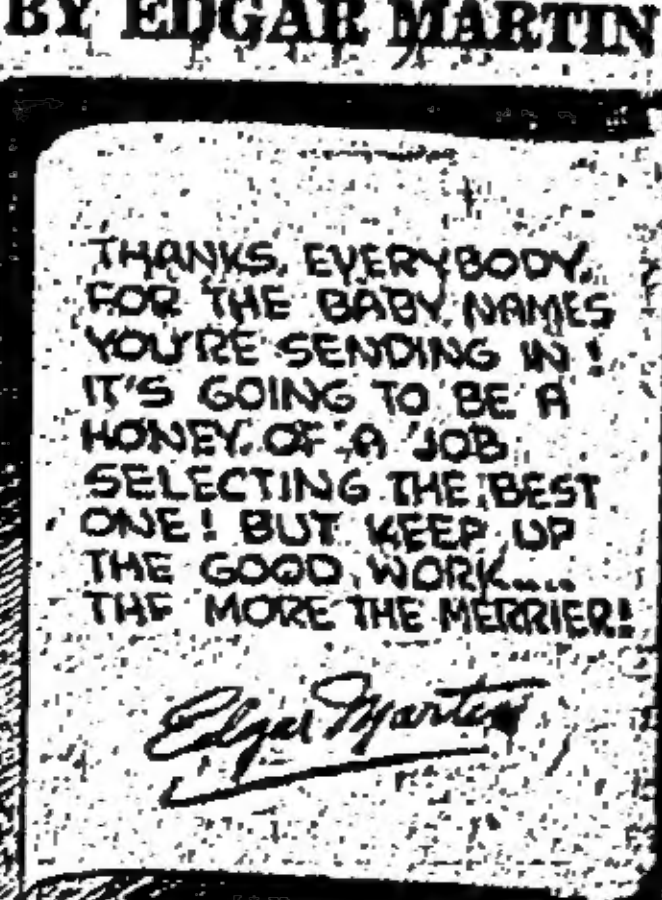
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IN THIS ARTICLE DR. TSENG YU-HAO, PH. D.
GIVES AN ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE

Sino-American Pact

The Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between the United States of America and the Republic of China, signed on Nov. 4, 1946, at Nanking, has been, according to a report of the official Central News agency, approved by the Supreme War Council and ratified by the Legislative Yuan.

Until, however, the United States Senate votes to accept this new instrument, it is not the law of the land as far as the American nation is concerned. In view of the fact that even the great President Wilson failed in influencing a reluctant upper house to agree upon his Versailles commitments, and that President Truman's Democratic Administration is facing now a Congress with an opposition Republican majority, ready to take advantage of him for political reasons, an analysis and interpretation of the new Sino-American pact may be interesting and useful for observers of Far Eastern as well as Washington politics.

To students of International Law and East Asiatic Diplomacy the new Sino-American agreement presents several salient features. First, it reaffirms those provisions of 1913 relating to the relinquishment of the ancient regime known as extraterritoriality and consular jurisdiction in which the subjects of a so-called Treaty Power "who may commit any crime in China shall be tried and punished by the Consul or Public Functionary authorized thereto according to the Laws of" the said Treaty Power. Such an archaic institution, called the Capitulations in the Levant, was abolished by the Treaty of Lausanne, 1923. In Japan, the system was abrogated after the Treaty of Shimonoseki, 1895, when the Christian countries regarded the Mikado's Empire as "civilized" because "he has learned now to kill." It is natural therefore for the High Contracting Parties to declare and reiterate the principle that the abolition of such a government within a government as final and absolute.

Accordingly, Article 11 of the new Sino-American Treaty provides that "the nationals of either High Contracting Party shall be subject, within the territories of the other High Contracting Party to the applicable laws and regulations if any, which are or may hereafter be enforced by the constituted authorities." The High Contracting Parties undertake however the responsibility for protecting the life and property of such nationals as required by International Law. Those accused of any crime shall be promptly brought to trial. They shall be given the rights and privileges to defend themselves. No property shall be taken without due process of law and without the prompt payment of just and effective compensation, including facilities to obtain foreign exchange for the purpose. Those nationals within the custody of the authorities "shall receive reasonable and human treatment."

Secondly, the old Customs Tariffs, restricting China's sovereign rights to "the general rate of five per cent ad valorem" no longer exist under the new convention. "Laws, regulations of administrative authorities and decisions of administrative or judicial authorities of each High Contracting Party pertaining to the classification of articles for customs purposes or to rates of duty shall be published promptly in such a manner as to enable traders to become acquainted with them." No new or increased rates shall be applied to goods already on route. Proper procedure shall be adopted in order to enable appeal against fines and penalties imposed by the Customs authorities. Each government shall accord sympathetic consideration to "representations" with respect to the operation or administration of import or export prohibitions or restrictions, quantities as they buy, and Sir Stafford

rightly emphasized the need to improve the balance of trade with those countries. With the volume of exports now at 10 per cent of pre-war Britain has still a good way to go to achieve the target of 175 per cent, estimated to be necessary both to cover indispensable imports and to meet commitments abroad. It is an aim which can only be achieved by dint of harder work and immediate sacrifices, and nothing that stands in the way of greater production should be contemplated for a moment.

active regulations, Customs regulations, or formalities, or sanitary laws or regulations for the protection of human, animal or plant life or health."

The much condemned system of "alien rights" on inland waters in China has, thirdly, been made reciprocal. "The vessels of either High Contracting Party shall have liberty, equally with the vessels of any third country, to come with their cargoes to all ports, places and waters of the other High Contracting Party which are, or may hereafter be open to foreign commerce and navigation." No duties and no discriminatory measures shall be followed, unless they are likewise imposed on national vessels.

The Comintern sympathizers have consistently criticized this stipulation as to enable the United States citizens to control Chinese interior trade, whereas there is no possibility for the Chinese in America to carry on shipping business.

Perhaps it should be noted that such navigation rights are granted only to those ports "open to foreign commerce and navigation." In short, China can close as many places as she likes to alien trade and industry.

Fourthly, the extra-treaty institution of foreign concessions and international settlements is done away with. A Treaty Power national's rights are not limited to the Treaty Ports as in the old days. "The nations, corporations and associations of either High Contracting Party shall enjoy, throughout the territories of the other High Contracting Party, and in conformity with the applicable laws and regulations, if any, which are or may hereafter be enforced by the duly constituted authorities, the right to organize and participate in, including the right to control and manage, corporations and associations of such High Contracting Party for engaging in commercial, manufacturing, processing, scientific, educational, religious and philanthropic activities." Such a right may however not necessary be as favourable as that accorded to "its own nationals."

If one High Contracting Party can enforce measures less favourable to the nationals of the other High Contracting Party within the former's territory, it seems difficult if not impossible for the latter's nationals to dominate when engaged in the activities stimulated. One party may resort to Chief Justice John Marshall's well-known dictum that the power to tax is the power to destroy. Critics apprehensive of abuses resulted from this last-mentioned clause do not therefore appear to be on substantial ground.

The limitation of Chinese persons in the United States, fifthly, does not find any

variation in this new pact, which insists that "nothing in this Treaty shall be construed to affect existing statutes of either High Contracting Party in relation to immigration or the right of either High Contracting Party to enact statutes relating to immigration."

According to the Burlingame Treaty of 1868, concluded when the United States needed badly Chinese labourers for opening the frontiers and when the Manchu Criminal Code still made it a grave offence for Chinese subjects to emigrate, nationals of the Ta Tsing Emperor were welcome to America as a *qui pro quo* arrangement. Later the question of Chinese labourers became an "embarrassment" to the Federal Government. Congress simply enacted the so-called Chinese Exclusion Acts in violation of United States' international obligations to China. Such legislation was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in the two celebrated cases of *Chae Chan Ping v. United States*, 130 U.S. (1889), and *Fong Yue Ting v. United States*, 149 U.S. 698 (1893).

Chinese resentment to America's violation of treaty rights resulted in a general anti-American boycott movement early in this century. As a measure of appeasement Washington remitted a back portion of its Boxer indemnity funds for the education of Chinese youths in China and America.

Sixthly, "the most favoured nation" clause, binding one contracting state to grant to its co-signer all the privileges similarly granted to all other states, is provided. Nationals of both parties in each other's territory shall not "receive treatment with respect to such rights and privileges less favourable than the treatment which is or may hereafter be accorded to the nationals of any third country."

Sevently, the United States citizens in China have for years been complaining that their scientific and scholarly rights were being infringed upon. In the case of *MacMillan Co. v. The Commercial Press* twenty years ago, Shanghai's Mixed Court, under the domination of a foreign assessor, definitely regretted that while the Mixed Court realised the immorality of the defendant's part, nevertheless the same Court could not issue a writ of injunction restraining the Commercial Press from pirating the famous Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

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There is an unusual signal, used on extremely rare occasion by a few of the old-time masters of which few of the present-day stars have ever heard. That is not unusual, for the chance to employ it arises only once in many months. I play, its purpose is to tell your partner to ruff with a high card instead of a low one, because the declarer can ruff after him. It consists of playing or leading any card of unnatural size—so high or so low—that it is bound to attract your partner's attention. And it has its peculiar meaning only when it would be almost impossible for the signal to be of a suit-preference nature, regarding a re-entry.

S. 10 5 4
H. Q. 6 2
D. K. J. 9 2
C. A 3

S. Q 3
H. A. K. J. 9
D. 7 3
C. 10 8

S. A. K. 8 7 6
H. 8 4
D. 10 8
C. K. Q 5

(Dealer West North-South vulnerable).

West North East South
Pass 1 D Pass 1 S
2 H 3 D Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S

West, a doughty old-timer in erudite rubber bridge circles, scored his heart K and A and then

led the J into the dummy's Q. That J told East, another veteran star, the entire story. He knew West was asking him to ruff high if he had any high trump. So the J was used instead of the deuce. South ever-ruffed with the A, which of course set up a trick for West's Q. The declarer didn't know this, however, until he laid down the K in an effort to drop the Q. Now having to lose tricks to the diamond A and spade Q, South was set.

It was good to see that old signal-work, after many years of not witnessing it. Failure to use it—such as West leading his fourth-best to the third trick—would have made the path smooth and easy for South, as East then would have ruffed low.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. A. Q 6
H. 7 4 3
D. J. 6 4 3
C. J 5 2

S. J. 9 7 5
H. 10 9 5
D. 9 2
C. 10 8 7

S. 8 3 2
H. K. 6 8
D. K. Q 10 7
C. A. K 4

(Dealer East. Neither side vulnerable).

How should East try to beat South's No-Trump game? Two tricks, after West leads the heart 10?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You don't have to pray before meals here, parson—the new cook is pretty good!"

Miracles Do Not Exist - - Piccard

Basle, Dec. 7.

Miracles do not exist, 62-year-old Professor Auguste Piccard, Swiss scientist who first explored the stratosphere by going up ten miles in a balloon in 1932, told a Basle audience today.

He is now planning a deep sea diving expedition to reach a depth of 18,000 feet.

of diplomatic and consular agents whom the Manchu rulers resisted so much as to lose two wars are, rightly, accepted as a matter of course. "The Government of each High Contracting Party shall have the right to send to the Government of the other High Contracting Party duly accredited diplomatic representatives who shall be received and, upon the basis of reciprocity, shall enjoy in the territories of such other High Contracting Party the rights, privileges, exemptions and immunities accorded under generally recognised principles of international law."

The ninth feature of the new agreement is the guarantee for religious and educational liberties which the American missionaries have been carrying on to the benefit of the Chinese for the last one and half century. Thus Article XII says that "the nationals of either High Contracting Party shall, throughout the territories of the other High Contracting Party, be permitted to exercise liberty of conscience and freedom of worship and to establish schools for the education of their children and they may, whether individually, collectively or in religious or educational corporations or associations, and without annoyance or molestation of any kind by reason of their religious belief or otherwise, conduct religious

Professor Piccard, whose subject was "The end of the world," said: "A miracle is a phenomenon which contradicts the laws of nature. But these laws admit every possibility—there is no such thing as a miracle and therefore no contrast between faith and science."

He declared that it was "nonsense" to say that science has proved that there can be no God.

There was little danger of the earth being destroyed by collision with another heavenly body, he said. "Nor does it seem likely that the solar system will be deranged by the impact of another star at the elliptical orbit of the earth, thus extending it until it becomes a hyperbole, along which our planet would hurtle into space, never to return," Professor Piccard added.

A greater danger came from the sun itself which derived its energy from atomic reaction. It should be able to do so for another thousand million years, becoming hotter and hotter—then it will cool off and we shall freeze and that will be the end of "homo sapiens," he said.

As for the future, "we can foresee what will perhaps happen within a relatively short time but it is impossible to foresee what will happen in thousands of years. For in the meantime the smallest elementary processes may produce incalculable results," he said.

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PALESTINE TALKS PROSPECTS

Arabs Again Expected To Boycott Conference

Unsettling Move By Mr. Byrnes

London, Dec. 7.

The Foreign Office has announced that the resumption of the Palestine conference will be postponed until a date in January to be announced later.

This is the second time the conference has been adjourned. It was put off on Oct. 2 till Dec. 16, chiefly because of the impending session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, at which many delegates to the London conference, including the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, had to be present.

United Nations affairs will probably now detain Mr. Bevin and other interested parties in the United States until too late to make the necessary preparations.

But the postponement will mean that the World Zionist Congress at Basle will be over and if the Jewish delegates decide to attend the conference, it would be possible for them to come with a full mandate from their people.

Last night's promise by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, that the United States will send observers to the Palestine conference if both Jews and Arabs agree to attend, is expected in well-informed quarters in London to have an unsettling effect on the Arab delegates, though it may also have a decisive influence on the debates in the Zionist Congress due to open in

DON'T WANT TO GO BACK

Mombasa, Dec. 7.

Guards with fixed bayonets cordoned off a large area of the Kilindini docks when the Dutch liner *Johan van Aldenderne* docked from Bombay after reports of trouble aboard with German prisoners-of-war, internees and merchant seamen, being repatriated to Germany from India.

They stated that they did not want to go back to Germany.—Reuter.

Mr. Byrnes Wants Armies To Be Reduced

Washington, Dec. 8.

In a surprise move which strikes hardest at the Russian Armies deployed over Eastern Europe, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes of the United States proposed to the Big Four Foreign Ministers Council two slashing reductions in American, British, Russian and French forces occupying Germany, Austria, Poland and the Balkans.

The first of these cuts would reduce the total of all big four occupation forces in Europe by next April to 620,000 men including only 240,000 Russians.

Then under Byrnes' proposal another blanket reduction of one fourth to one third would be put through.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was expected to support the proposal vigorously but V. M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, has not made known his stand on the matter.—Associated Press.

SOCIALISTS MEET IN PRAGUE

Prague, Dec. 7.

At the conference of Social Democratic parties of Central Europe, which opened here today, delegations from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Austria were present. The Bulgarian delegation is expected shortly.

Dr. Zdenek Fierlinger, Vice-Premier of Czechoslovakia and head of the Czechoslovak dele-

them on any basis save that of abandonment of Zionist claims. The Arabs will, therefore, persist in their refusal to attend a joint conference.

"There is nothing new in Mr. Bevin's assurance to Mr. Byrnes that the British Government would give full and equal consideration to all proposals put forward by either side and that they are not yet committed to any specific view. But the Arabs have made their attitude to all partition schemes perfectly clear. They discussed the Morrison plan—which proposed one form of partition—with the British Government and rejected it both on the ground of principle and practicability.

"They would, a fortiori, reject any more drastic form of partition, and cannot therefore agree to enter into any discussion of such schemes either at a joint conference or even in bilateral negotiations with the British Government.

Suspicious Of U.S.

Furthermore, the Arabs, having regard to their bitter experiences in the past, are naturally suspicious of any form of American participation in negotiations over Palestine. The American Government is not an impartial party. It has consistently supported the Zionist cause. It is now pressing for a solution favourable to the Zionists. Its representation on any conference on the Palestine question, even by mere observers, would amount to weighting the scales against the Arabs and would, therefore, be a prelude, as American intervention has already prejudiced, the chances of a reasonable and just solution being reached.

Since the Arabs persist in refusing the right of the United States Government to concern itself with the Palestine question, fears were being expressed in well-informed quarters today that the offer of Mr. Byrnes to send observers might actually become a deterrent to future Arab participation at the conference.

It is known that some Arab delegates already consider that a further session of the Palestine conference would be scarcely worth while from their point of view.

The Jewish attitude to attendance in January remains to be decided next week in Basle, and, in Jewish Agency quarters here, an affirmative vote is thought probable.

Inducement To Jews

The presence of United States observers would, of course, be a definite inducement from the Jewish standpoint, since President Harry Truman has already committed himself to support partition, but it appears from Mr. Byrnes' statement that their attendance is conditional on the attendance of both Jewish and Arab delegates.

British official quarters in London today interpreted the assurance given by Mr. Bevin to Mr. Byrnes in his letter of Dec. 2, that all proposals made by the Arab, Jewish and British delegations at the Palestine conference will be given equal status on the conference agenda, as clarifying the policy which Britain maintained throughout the first session of the conference.

This is, that all parties concerned should have a fair chance of stating and discussing their points of view.

Britain's original insistence, it was stated, that the British scheme for federal autonomy in Palestine should serve as a basis for discussion, referred only to the need to take some plan first on the conference agenda.

Mr. Bevin, it was authoritatively stated here, has assured Mr. Byrnes that Britain is not committed in advance to her own or any other plan of final settlement. But the assurances given by Mr. Bevin are not regarded here, in official quarters, as indicating a change of policy, but rather a clarification of British policy towards the next meeting of the Palestine conference.—Reuter.

IKE KILLS A RUMOUR

Washington, Dec. 7.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. Chief of Staff, said today that no atomic bombs or fissionable materials have ever been sent to Britain or any other country.

His remarks were made in reply to questions about published statements that the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, had come to the United States to discuss atom bombs.—United Press.

Fog And Ice In Britain

London, Dec. 7.

Fog and ice bound roads caused traffic delays and collisions in parts of Britain today.

In the peak district of Derbyshire, it began snowing in the early afternoon.

A number of football matches had to be cancelled on account of ground conditions.

For the most part, floods were receding but there is still water in several roads in Somerset. The Perth to Inverness road had one to two inches of frozen snow. Roads in Fife and Aberdeenshire were frost bound but likely to thaw.—Reuter.

Parties welcoming the guests said that the subject of the conference was its plan of cooperation of Social Democratic parties in Central Europe.—Reuter.

Snags In Egyptian Treaty Talks

London, Dec. 8.

An informed source said yesterday that Britain was considering "at the highest levels" differences with the Egyptians over interpretation of the agreement revising the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936.

A Foreign Office spokesman declined to comment on a report in the Cairo newspaper "Akhar el Yom" that an Egyptian authority had said that some British Foreign Office officials are trying to force the Egyptian Government to accept the British interpretation of the revised Anglo-Egyptian treaty worked out at conferences of Prime Minister Sidky Pasha and Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin.

The spokesman said on Friday that several formal points were raised for clarification by the Egyptians when they notified the British that Parliament, in a secret session, had approved the Sidky Pasha-Bevin "arrangements" for revising the treaty.

He would not divulge the nature of the points which deal with the draft agreement.

The Cairo newspaper said that if the British reply concerning resumption of negotiations were

unsatisfactory, both the Egyptian Government and the Opposition would be united to break negotiations.—Associated Press.

Lebanese Premier Resigns

Beirut, Dec. 7.

Saadi Mulla, Prime Minister of Lebanon, announced today his intention to resign because of attacks on Government economic policy in Parliament and press.

Bechara El Khoury, the President, has asked Saadi Mulla to continue his administrative duties until the formation of a new Cabinet.

Saadi Mulla told a press conference today that he had called Philip Teclat, Foreign Minister from Cairo and Emir Mejid Arslan, National Defence Minister, from the interior of Lebanon. The present Government has been in office since May.—Reuter.

Hope For Missing Sub Dies

Paris, Dec. 8.

A spokesman for the Ministry of the Navy said yesterday that all hope of finding alive the 23 men trapped in the French submarine 2326 must now be given up.

The submarine is reported to have hit a floating mine off Toulon.

The Ministry spokesman denied rumours that Admiral A. Lemonnier, French Naval Chief of Staff, was on board the missing undersea craft and explained that Admiral Lemonnier had gone to Toulon to conduct rescue operations.—Associated Press.

Too Deep

Toulon, Dec. 7.

The names of 17 French naval officers and ratings, believed to have been trapped in the submarine No. 2326 100 metres under the sea, were released this afternoon by headquarters of the search operation which has now been in progress for nearly 48 hours without any success.

The list neither confirmed nor denied earlier reports that there were 23 men aboard.

Admiral Lambert, who is directing the search operation, stated in Toulon this afternoon: "Only one chance in 10,000 now remains of finding the submarine. The only hope is that the submarine did not sink after all but was disabled on the surface."

"If, as we presume, it did sink, it must have plunged to a depth of hundreds of metres, which would preclude any chance of rescue. We have no methods of raising ships from such depths."

Planes and ships continued the search this afternoon, in increasingly rough weather.—Reuter.

Senior Officers Aboard?

Toulon, Dec. 8.

Three high ranking French officers were reported to be on board the 250 ton French submarine, 2326, which is believed sunk by a mine off Toulon with 23 on board.—Associated Press.

Lesson To Be Brought Home

New York, Dec. 7.

The implication of the Nuernberg trial will have to be taught in schools and universities in Germany," Sir Hartley Shawcross, who led the British prosecution team at the Nuernberg international tribunal, declared in a broadcast in the United States tonight.

It was hoped to publish an account of the trial in book form in the British zone, he announced.

Asked if he thought the Nuernberg decision would have any effect on the declaration of war in the future, Sir Hartley replied: "The criminal always thinks he can get away with it; the aggressor thinks he will win. Still, I think a clear cancellation of criminality of war may make it more difficult for warmongers in future."—Reuter.

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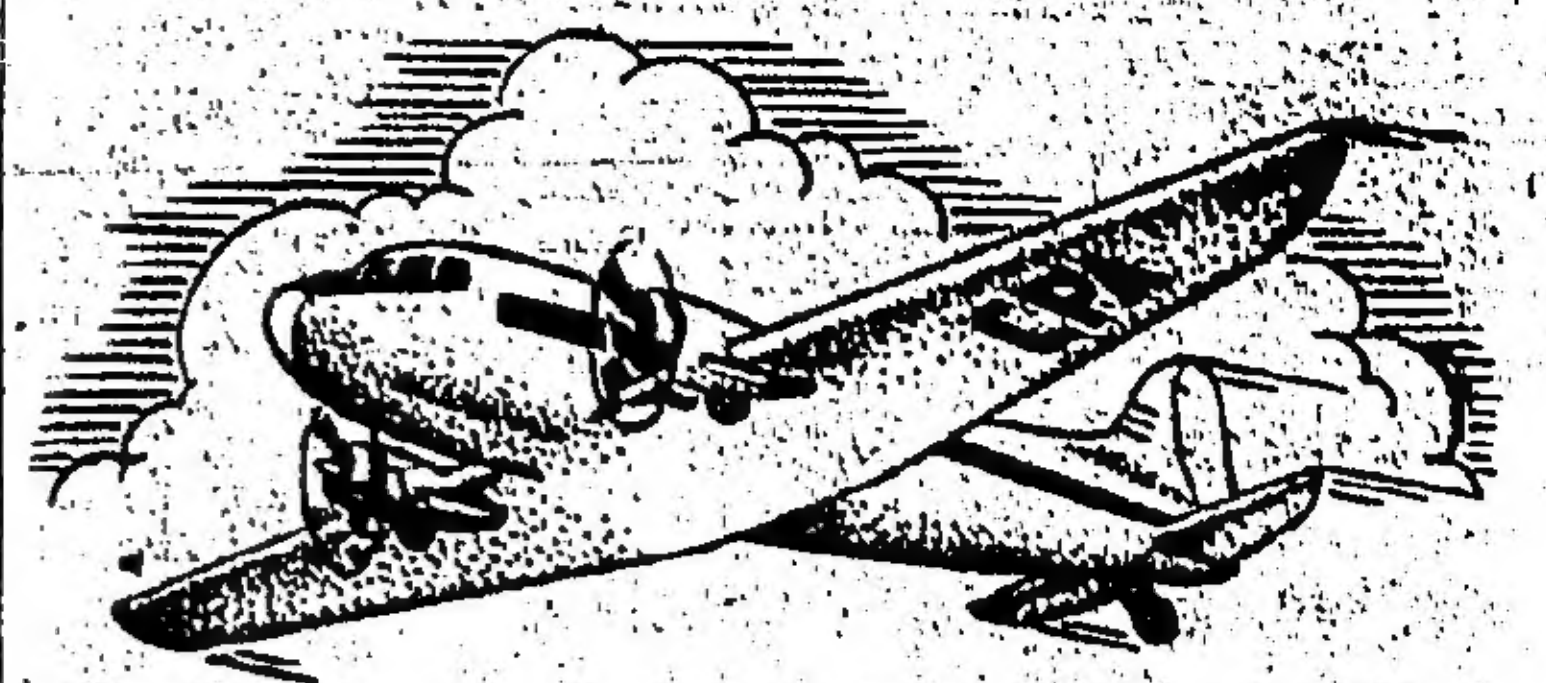
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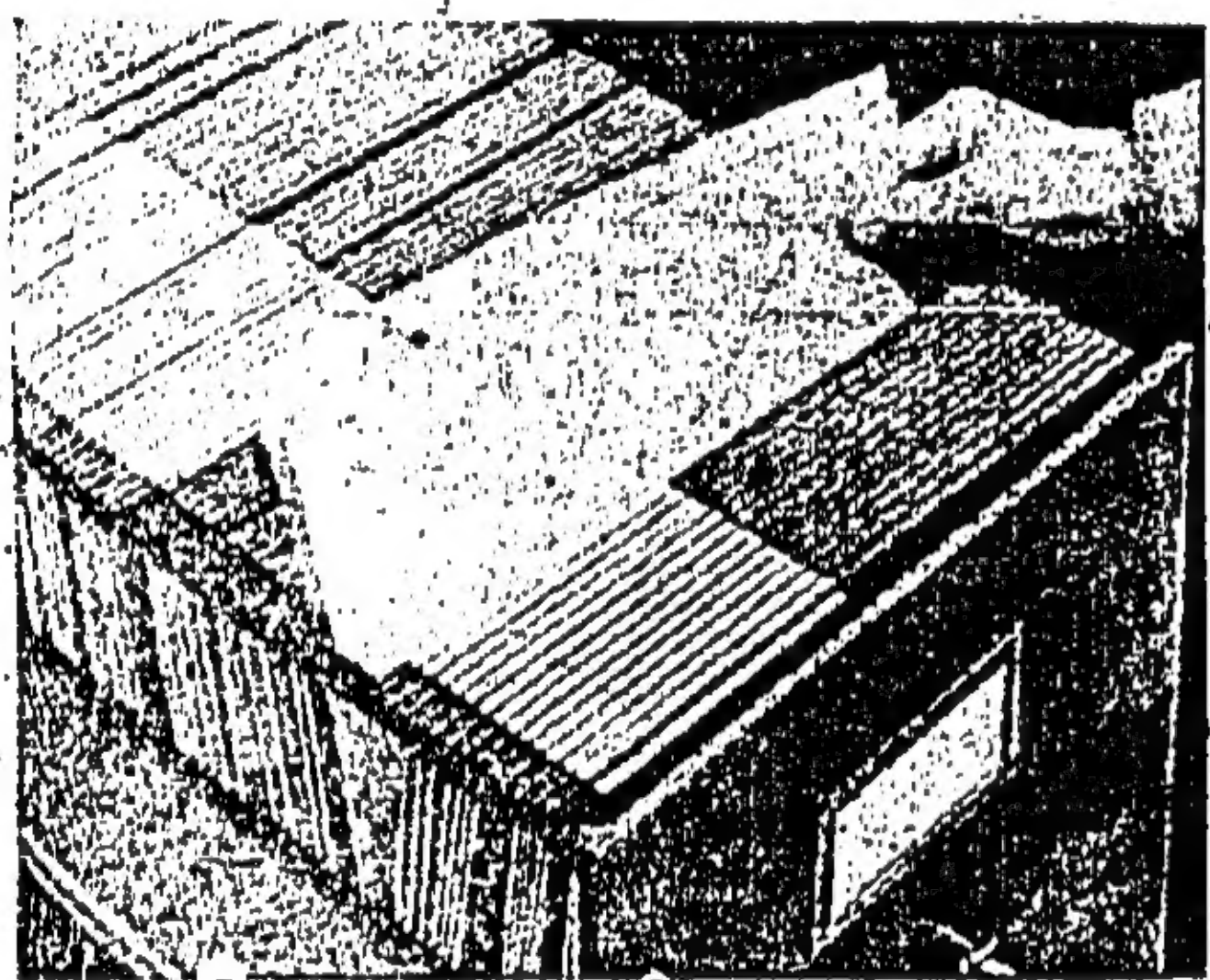
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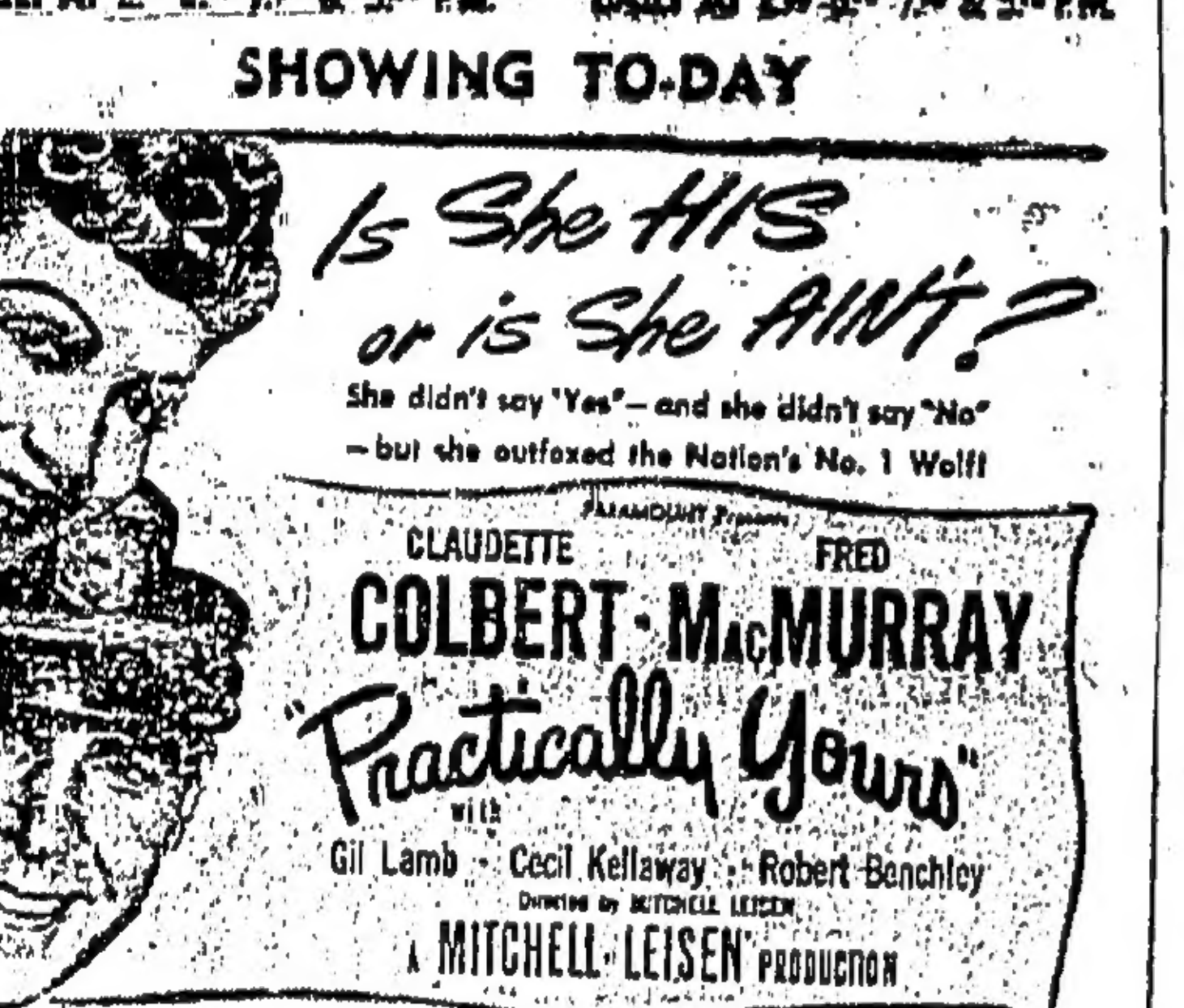
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FOREIGN MINISTERS' TRIUMPH OF ENDURANCE

London, Dec. 7.
This week has seen the virtual completion of work on the first five peace treaties—those with Italy, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland. As such, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent, it marks the end of an epoch which started most inauspiciously in London in September, 1945, with the first meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Next week a further stage will open with the preliminary talks on the German peace settlement. In retrospect, the completion of the first five treaties can be seen to be a triumph of endurance. Its three stages, through the Council of Foreign Ministers, the Paris Conference last summer, and back to the Council of Foreign Ministers, has lasted close on fifteen months.

It is by now impossible to count the number of occasions on which prophets have feared that no agreed texts would ever be produced. That they have been produced is due to the sticking capacity of the chief negotiators who have fought their way out of numberless deadlocks, breakdowns and crises, to solution. This, however imperfect, will end the technical continuation of a state of war over a large part of Europe, with all the frustration and hindrance to reconstruction it has entailed.

Important Phases
The experience of the first phase of peacemaking may well provide a precedent for the two more important phases that are to follow—those relating to Germany and Austria and to the Far East. And the main lesson to emerge is that the diplomatic negotiations have run their stubborn but essentially normal course.

The resulting treaties reflect closely the power of relationships of the great nations mainly responsible for their drafting. The protracted nature of the negotiations has been largely the fruit of a combination of stubbornness and skill in manoeuvre that the Big Four have displayed.

In a sense it has only been possible to complete the treaties by removing some of the more serious problems from their scope. Into this category comes the future of the Italian empire and navigational control of the Danube, which are both to be subjects of special conferences during 1947. And it would be optimistic to suppose that administration of the statute of Trieste (drawn up to provide a complicated system of checks and balances between the Governor and the Legislative Assembly and to leave remote control still in the hands of the Big Four powers through the Security Council) will proceed with friction. But it remains true that the Council of Foreign Ministers have reached a landmark which for a long looked unattainable.

If the Western powers need any more lessons in appreciation of Soviet diplomacy than those provided by the Council

Germany Land Of Women

Berlin, Dec. 7.
Berlin's population of 3,170,832 is composed of about 50 percent women, census figures released by the Allied Commandant disclosed yesterday, and is typical of all Germany, which is still waiting the return of nearly 4,000,000 prisoners of war.

Berlin has 1,385,466 females against 1,285,376 males. The Soviet sector of the city is the most populous, with 1,170,297 inhabitants. Populations in other sectors are: American zone, 975,504; British, 602,530 and French 421,368.

In Berlin alone, census statistics show that more than 1,000 Germans are living on river and canal barges—Associated Press.

Mr. Bevin has reached, unlikely to remain in cold storage until the New Year.

The successful conclusion of the British and United States zone merger is being criticised both in France and in quarters sympathetic to the Soviet Union. These criticisms suggest that it may still be very difficult to complete the economic unification of Germany by bringing the French and Soviet zones of occupation into the scheme.

Communist Hint

French criticism concentrates on the political danger feared in the elimination of zonal barriers. The fact that the merger was concluded during the visit to England of the German Social Democratic leader, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, has tended to increase French suspicion that Britain and the United States are unduly concerned to build up Germany. France, of course, was never a party to the Potsdam Agreement that Germany should be treated as an economic whole.

Soviet comment on the merger has been much more reserved. The first indication that it may be regarded as a hindrance to the unification of Germany as a whole was given by the London Communist paper, "Daily Workers," yesterday in terms that may prove significant.

"What are the effects to be foreseen?" the paper asks. "First the fusing of the two zones—organised on such separatist lines will split Germany. It will facilitate the policy of the Western bloc. Secondly the progress of democratic reform within the zones will be hampered." It remains the official British view that the Anglo-American zone merger will not "split" Germany unless the Soviet Union forces a split by refusing ever to join in fusion. But the eventual Soviet attitude is not now likely to be decided until after Mr. Molotov has returned to Moscow, and next week's discussions on Germany in New York do not now look like getting beyond the agenda stage—Reuter.

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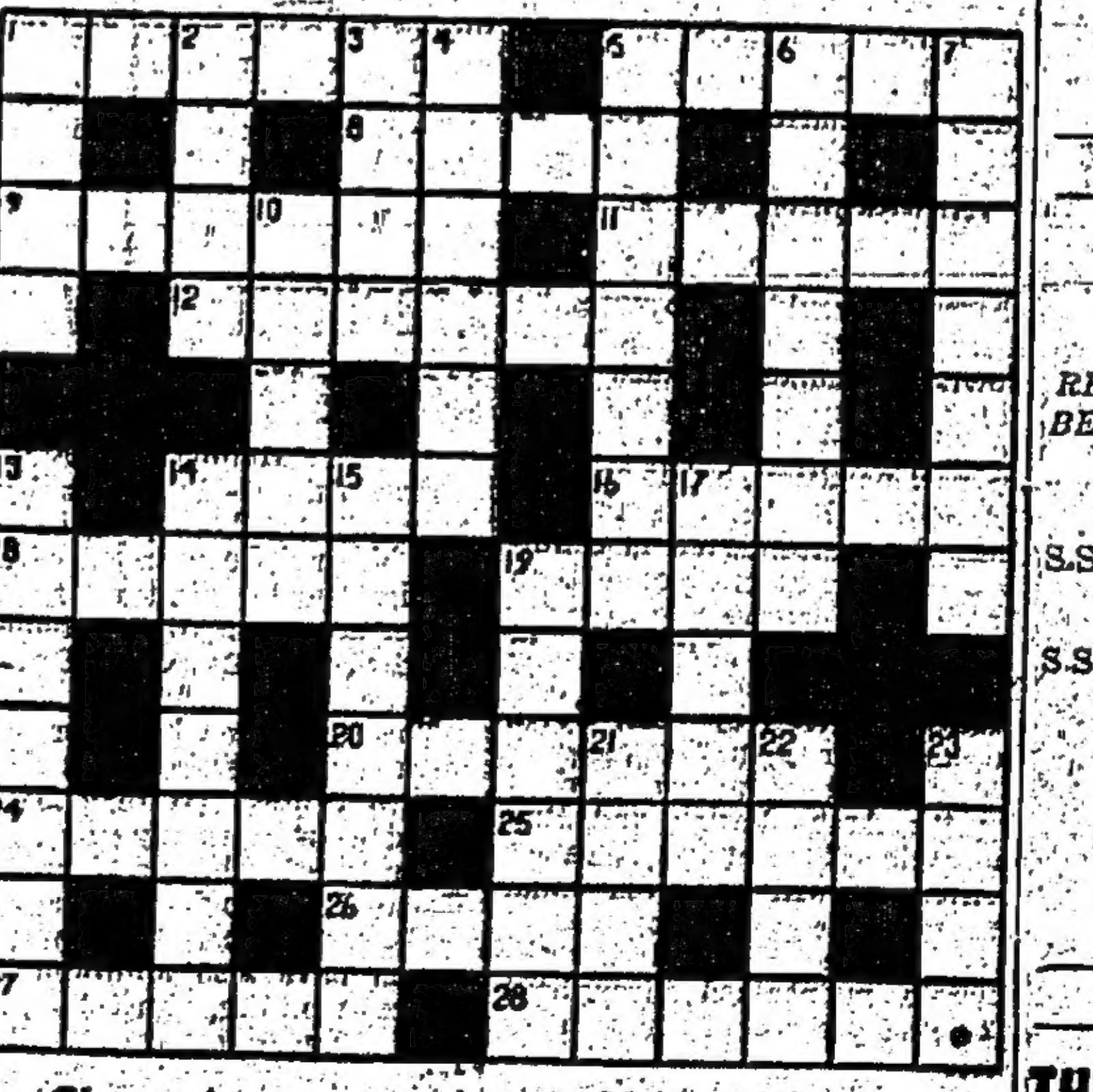
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Siamese Tin Unfrozen

Bangkok, Dec. 8. Siam's tin was released to world markets yesterday when the country signed papers with Britain and Australia revoking terms of the peace agreement signed with the two countries last Jan. 1 at Singapore which froze tin exports. The action is reported to have released 16,000 tons of tin taken from Britain and Australian owned mines here. The announcement said that the Siamese Government, which mined the tin during the war, will get a cost price of \$370 a ton while the British and Australian owners will get a profit. At the same time, it was announced that a joint British American, Australian and Siamese tin board had been set up to advise the industry. Exports will be cleared with the Combined Tin Board at Washington, the announcement said.—Associated Press.

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